



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND A TIER II PERMIT TO OPERATE
AN AIR POLLUTION-EMITTING SOURCE**

SUBJECT: Application for a permit to construct and a Tier II permit to operate an air pollution-emitting source and proposed action: St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, Boise

PURPOSE: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has scheduled a period to receive public comments under Docket No.10AP-0508 concerning the air quality aspects of the project application and the proposed action.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 209 and 404, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, notice is hereby given that St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, Boise, Idaho has applied to the DEQ for a permit to construct and Tier II permit to operate an air pollution-emitting source located at 140 E. Jefferson Street. Notice is also given that a period for public comment has been scheduled along with an opportunity for a public hearing. These actions are authorized pursuant to Sections 39-105(3)(a), 39-105(3)(j), 39-110, 39-115(1), Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before April 26, 2005. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: St. Lukes Regional Medical Center is a medical facility. They are applying for a permit to allow increases in both the annual natural gas consumption of the boiler and the hours of operation of the emergency generators.

PROPOSED ACTION: DEQ has reviewed the application and completed a preliminary analysis of the information submitted by the applicant. DEQ has tentatively determined that operation according to the proposed permits will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation.

Based on this analysis, DEQ proposes to issue the permit to construct and Tier II operating permit to St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, Boise.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: A package containing the information submitted by the applicant, DEQ's analysis, and the draft action will be available for public review at the following locations:

DEQ State Office
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho

DEQ Regional Office
1445 N Orchard
Boise, Idaho

Boise Public Library
710 S Capitol
Boise, Idaho

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, jlechten@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Bill Rogers at (208) 373-0502.

All written comment and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5 p.m. MDT, May 10, 2005.

DATED this 8th day of April 2005.

Joan Lechtenberg
Air Quality Division